

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0012] on page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The drawings illustrate a presently preferred embodiment of the invention, in which:

FIG. 1 shows a perspective view of a jewelry organizer apparatus and method in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a top view of the jewelry organizer shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the jewelry organizer, taken along lines 3-3 in FIG. 2, showing how it stacks on additional jewelry organizers indicated in phantom; and

FIG. 4 is an exploded perspective view of a jewelry organizer shown in combination with several other jewelry organizers. --

Please replace paragraph [0015] on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As referenced above with respect to FIGS. 1 and 2, the upper surface of the body has a plurality of compartments 20 defining endless channels 22. The channels are circular in shape and vary in diameter. The smaller diameter channels 34 lie within the channels having larger diameters 36. Thus, the channels are concentric relative to each other and surround the knob. The number of channels can range from at least two up to eighteen or more, depending on the diameter of the jewelry organizer and the desired need. --

Please replace paragraph [0016] on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring now to FIG. 3, the knob 28 and the channels 22 are shown in more detail. The depth of each channel is sized for receiving at least one strand of jewelry in that channel. The width of each channel is approximately three-eighths of an inch, or at least adequately sized to hold a strand of jewelry. The innermost channel 38 is formed around the base of the knob and can be used to store small stud or hoop earrings. The channels in closer proximity to the knob have smaller diameters and smaller circumferences 34, and are ideally suited for holding items such as small earrings, watches, and bracelets. The outer channels, with larger diameters and larger circumferences 36, are ideally suited for holding various items of longer length, such as necklaces. Each channel is separated from the adjacent channel by the upstanding side walls 40 of the channels 22. The top of each of the upstanding side walls 40 is approximately the same height and forms a portion of the top surface 12. The separated channels and the upstanding side walls prevent the stored items of jewelry from tangling with other items of jewelry. --

Please replace paragraph [0017] on beginning on page 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As further shown in FIG. 3, the lower surface 32 has a recess 42. The recess is designed with a frustoconical shape, similar to the shape of the knob 28. The recess is aligned with and located on the underside of the knob. The recess is sized to receive a knob 44 from a second jewelry organizer 46. As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, this enables the knob 44 on the second jewelry organizer 46 to nest into the recess 42 of the first jewelry organizer 10 and provides a means for stacking two or more organizers 48 (FIGS. 3 and 4). This configuration allows a person to create more storage space by adding extra jewelry organizers when the original jewelry organizer is

full. Because the jewelry organizers stack vertically, the configuration does not require any additional counter top space. --

Please delete paragraph [0018.1], which was added by *Amendment* dated August 30, 2002.